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SUMMARY: AT SPECIAL (684TH) PLENARY MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 21, US AND SOVIET UNION INTRODUCED IDENTICAL DRAFT CONVENTIONS ON PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES. BRIEF COMMENTS ON TREATY TABLING WERE MADE BY SWEDEN, GDR, AND YUGOSLAVIA. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING PLENARY MEETING, CO-CHAIRMEN ELABORATED ON TREATY CONTENTS AND SENATOR PELL, WHO CAME TO GENEVA FOR THE OCCASION, SPOKE FAVORABLY ABOUT JOINT ENMOD INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ROSHCHIN (USSR), INTRODUCING RUSSIAN- LANGUAGE VERSION OF AGREED TEXT, PARAPHRASED TREATY PROVISIONS EXTENSIVELY IN MANNER FULLY CONSISTENT WITH US UNDERSTANDING OF TREATY. HE CALLED ON COMMITTEE TO BEGIN CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS AT START OF 1976 SESSION AND HOPED CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED ON TREATY AT EARLY DATE.

2. MARTIN (US) DELIVERED STATEMENT CONTAINED REFTEL (A) IN TABLING ENGLISH VERSION AS CCD DOCUMENT. (US AND SOVIET DRAFT TEXTS BEAR DIFFERENT DOCUMENT NUMBERS.)

3. THORSSON (SWEDEN), NOTING THAT AT 683RD PLENARY MEETING, EARLIER IN DAY, SHE HAD COMMENTED THAT CONCRETE RESULTS OF CCD'S WORK WERE LACKING, SAID SHE FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THAT STATEMENT. SHE CONGRATULATED CO-CHAIRMEN ON INITIATIVE AND SAID TABLING PARALLEL DRAFTS CONSTITUTED CONCRETE RESULT. SHE ADDED THAT DRAFTS WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL STUDY AND SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT AT EARLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. HERDER (GDR) READ A LONG PREPARED STATEMENT THAT WAS EFFUSIVE IN PRAISE OF JOINT INITIATIVE.

5. MIJALOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) WELCOMED ACTION BY CO-CHAIRMEN BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SIMILAR JOINT INITIATIVE WOULD SOON FOLLOW ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

6. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER MEETING, ROSHCIN SAID THAT, WHILE ENMOD TECHNIQUES PRESENTLY ARE ONLY FEASIBLE ON LIMITED LEVEL, THEIR USE COULD HAVE MAJOR ADVERSE EFFECTS IN FIVE TO TEN YEARS. ASKED IF FOREST DEFOLIATION WOULD BE WITHIN SCOPE OF TREATY, HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD BE. ASKED HOW IT COULD BE DETERMINED WHETHER EFFECTS ARE "SIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE," ROSHCIN REPLIED THAT DRAFT COULD NOT POSSIBLE COVER ALL DETAILS AND CONTINGENCIES AND QUESTION WOULD NEED TO BE EXPLORED IN DETAIL IN COMMITTEE.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THAT, GIVEN INDISTINGUISHABILITY OF CIVILIAN FROM MILITARY R AND D, MILITARY RESEARCH COULD NOT BE BANNED WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH POTENTIAL PEACEFUL BENEFITS. HE LATER ADDED THAT, SHOULD METHOD BE FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RESEARCH, SOVIET SIDE WOULD SUPPORT BAN ON MILITARY R AND D.

8. ASKED ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 1974 SOVIET DRAFT AND PARALLEL TEXTS AND WHETHER THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN 1974 DRAFT THAT SOVIETS PREFERRED, ROSHCIN SAID EMPHATICALLY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTED PRESENT TEXT AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO MAKE FURTHER REFERENCE TO EARLIER VERSION. HE ADDED THAT PRESENT TEXT WAS CONSIDERED BASIS FOR BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE BELIEVED TEXT WOULD BE ALTERED FURTHER BEFORE CONSENSUS WOULD BE REACHED.

9. MARTIN, WHEN ASKED IF BURIAL OF TOWN IN ARTIFICIALLY-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUCED SNOWFALL WOULD CONSTITUTE VIOLATION, REPLIED THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE COVERED IF EFFECTS "SIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING, OR SEVERE" AND IF DONE TO CAUSE DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, OR INJURY. HE WAS NOT PRESSED FURTHER ON APPLICATION OF THREE EFFECTS CRITERIA. ASKED IF HE EXPECTED CCD AGREEMENT SOON, MARTIN SAID HE WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED YEAR FROM NOW. DRAWING ON PARA 12, REF (B), MARTIN RESPONDED TO QUESTION ON USE OF HERBICIDES.

10. ASKED IF ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS WOULD DETRACT FROM CCD'S WORK ON OTHER SUBJECTS, MARTIN HELD THAT COMMITTEE'S SCHEDULE WOULD CERTAINLY PERMIT ENMOD TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS CONTINUED ATTENTION

TO ITEMS ON AGENDA. HE REPEATED VIEW EXPRESSED BY ROSHCIN EARLIER THAT MILITARY R & D COULD NOT BE BANNED WITHOUT RULING OUT CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES.

1. SENATOR PELL TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE REGARDED US PROPOSAL AS SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. NOTING SENATE RESOLUTION ON ENMOD HE HAD SPONSORED, PELL SAID HE WAS "HAPPY AND EXHILARATED TO SEE ONE'S OWN IDEAS COME INTO EFFECT TO CERTAIN DEGREE." HE CONGRATULATED CO-CHAIRMEN AND CALLED JOINT ACTION "VERY REAL STEP TOWARD PEACE." ASKED IF TREATY WOULD BE RATIFIED BY SENATE, HE SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF 82-10 VOTE ON HIS RESOLUTION, PROSPECTS WERE GOOD. HE NOTED THAT US-SOVIET DRAFT WAS DIFFERENT FROM ONE HE HAD PROPOSED EARLIER AND THAT TEXT COULD BE EXPECTED TO UNDERGO FURTHER CHANGE DURING NEGOTIATIONS.

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